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SUBJECT: ALLEGED SECRET MAURITIUS-USSR SECURITY PACT

1. INTERVIEWS WITH OPPOSITION LEADER GAETAN DUVAL AND MILITANT MARXIST LEADER PAUL BERENGER BY LOCAL BBC STRINGER CARRIED ON BBC AFRICAN SERVICE ON MAY 6 AND EARLIER, JUST AFTER A LONDON INTERVIEW WITH PRIME MINISTER RAMGOOLAM, WERE EXCERPTED IN THE WIDELY READ NEWSPAPER L'EXPRESS JUNE 12. DUVAL REPORTEDLY SAID THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAD PUT PRESSURE ON THE MMM AND BERENGER TO FORM A COMMON FRONT WITH THE LABOR PARTY IN THE NEXT ELECTIONS. DUVAL ALLEGED THAT IN RETURN RAMGOOLAM SIGNED SECRET AGREEMENT IN INDIA WITH RUSSIANS GIVING THEM THE ASSURANCE THAT "IN CASE OF A FLARE UP MAURITIUS WOULD NOT TOLERATE THE AMERICANS, THE FRENCH AND BRITISH. THEY WOULD NOT ALLOW THEM TO USE THE FACILITIES OUR PORT OFFERS". ALLEGATIONS OF THE "SECRET PACT" HAVE SPARKED PRESS SPECULATION IN VOLATILE MAURITIUS OPPOSITION PAPERS THAT RAMGOOLAM HAS DESERTED NEUTRALIST PATH FOR SOVIETS. HOWEVER, PRO-GOVERNMENT NATION JUNE 16 CARRIED STATEMENT BY RAMGOOLAM LIEUTENANT. MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

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BOOLELL, DENYING ANY SUCH SECRET PACT.

2. DURING A PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH PRIME MINISTER  
RAMGOOLAM TODAY ON OTHER SUBJECTS HE TOLD ME HE WAS VERY  
DISTURBED BY FOREGOING ACCUSATIONS AND THAT HE WOULD BE  
VERY GALD IF I WOULD ASSURE WASHINGTON THAT THIS PRESS  
SPECULATION IS FABRICATED AND UNTRUE. BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER  
BRIND TOLD ME PRIVATELY TODAY THAT HE ALSO HAS NO INFORMATION  
WHICH WOULD SUPPORT PRESS ACCUSATIONS HERE THAT RAMGOOLAM HAS  
MADE ANY SUCH AGREEMENT WITH USSR.  
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